

110TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 6221

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 10, 2008

Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself and Ms. HERSETH SANDLIN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Veteran-Owned Small
5 Business Protection and Clarification Act of 2008”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONTRACTING GOALS AND PREFERENCES FOR VET-**
2 **ERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS.**

3 Section 8127 of title 38, United States Code, is
4 amended—

5 (1) by redesignating subsections (j) and (k) as
6 subsections (k) and (l), respectively; and

7 (2) by inserting after subsection (i) the fol-
8 lowing:

9 “(j) **APPLICABILITY OF REQUIREMENTS TO CON-**
10 **TRACTS.**—(1) If the Secretary enters, on or after June
11 1, 2007, into a contract, memorandum of understanding,
12 agreement, or other arrangement with any governmental
13 entity or person to acquire goods or services, or both, the
14 Secretary shall include in such contract, memorandum,
15 agreement, or other arrangement a requirement that the
16 entity or person will comply with the provisions of this
17 section in acquiring such goods or services, or both.

18 “(2) **COORDINATION.**—The Secretary shall take such
19 action as may be necessary to ensure that the efforts to
20 comply with this section of the Department and govern-
21 mental entities and persons to which paragraph (1) apply
22 are coordinated.

23 “(3) The Secretary shall modify contracts, memoran-
24 dums of understanding, agreements, and other arrange-
25 ments of the Department in effect on the date of enact-
26 ment of the Veteran-Owned Small Business Protection

1 and Clarification Act of 2008 to comply with this sub-
2 section.”.

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